Priority of the end use, economic consideration etc. are amongst the criteria that are normally considered for allocation.

(c) Yes, Sir. In view of the availability and commitments already made, no additional allocation of gas for Madhya Pradesh has been made.

**Development of Oil Fields by Private Parties**

3188. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to hand over two oilfields viz., Ravva field in Krishna-Godawari offshore and Phase III of Gandhar field in Gujarat to private parties for development; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken to hand over the Ravva field and the Gandhar field to any private party.

**Representation from Small Scale Salt Producers**

3189. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a petition dated 3rd February, 1992 addressed to Prime Minister has been received from Small Scale Salt Producers' Association, Chidambaranar District Tamil Nadu about the difficulties faced by them in the movement of edible salt due to want of wagons; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since this movement is in piecemeal involving transhipment, the capacity is limited. Efforts are being made to improve the wagon supplies within the overall constraints.

**रेलवे भर्ती बोर्ड द्वारा संचालित परीक्षा**

3190. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विभिन्न रेलवे भर्ती बोर्डों द्वारा अनुकंपा के आधार पर रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बोर्ड-वार कितनी-कितनी परीक्षायें आयोजित की गयीं ; और

(ख) कितने सफल उम्मीदवारों को अब तक रोजगार नहीं दिया गया है और उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

**रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :** (क) और (ख) अनुकंप के आधार पर नियुक्तियां रेलवे द्वारा ही की जाती हैं, रेल भर्ती बोर्डों के माध्यम से नहीं ।

**Fast Trains from Haryana**

3191. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lakhs of people commute daily to Delhi from different parts of Haryana;

(b) whether Government propose to start some fast trains from different places in Haryana to enable commuters to reach Delhi in time and at cheap rates;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A large number of passengers do travel between Delhi and different parts of Haryana.

(b) to (d) One pair of EMU has been introduced between Ballabgarh-NewDelhi Delhi-Shakurbasti w.e.f 29-1-1992. In addition, Sikar-Loharu Delhi Sainik Express (Also serving Haryana) is being introduced we.ef. 1-7-1992.

**Railway over bridge on level crossing**

3192. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no over bridge on the Level Crossing on N.H. 47 (100Km) Tirunelveli-Thachanallur in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to construct the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Railways undertake construction of road over bridges in replacement of level crossings for which proposals are sponsored by the concerned State Governments, agreeing to sharing of cost for such works as per rules. No firm proposal in this regard has been received from the State Government so far.

**देश में रेल पुल**

3193. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में ऐसे कितने रेल-पुल हैं जो आठ वर्ष से अधिक पुराने हैं और जिन्हें दोबारा बनाए जाने की आवश्यकता है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण कराया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि मुम्बई और ईगतपुरी के बीच एक नदी पर एक ऐसा पुराना पुल है जिसे दोबारा बनाए जाने की आवश्यकता है ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार के पास देश में ऐसे सभी पुराने पुलों का पुनर्निर्माण करने के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) 55 पुलों की पुनर्निर्माण के लिए पहचान की गई है।

(ख) और (ग) जी हां । सभी पुलों का निरीक्षण प्रति वर्ष किया जाता है ताकि ऐसे पुलों की पहचान की जा सके जिनका पुनर्निर्माण करना । जिन्हें सुदृढ करना/जिनकी मरम्मत करना अपेक्षित होती है ।

(घ) जी नहीं ।

(ङ) और (च) पुराने पुलों का पुनर्निर्माण तभी शुरू किया जाता है जब उनकी हालत को देखते हुए ऐसा करना अपेक्षित होता है । ऐसे कार्यों को उनकी प्राथमिकताओं के अनुसार रेलवे के वार्षिक निर्माण कार्यक्रम में शामिल किया जाता है ।

**Closure of Metre Gauge lines by Railways**

3194. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kilometres of metre gauge lines permanently closed so far by each Zonal Railway.

(b) whether it is a fact that after closing the lines, the rail and space remain unutilised for years together; if so, the details of land available for other purposes;